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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, GE, CPAS, ASEC

SUBJECT: GDR VISA FOR MEMBER OF RENOVATION SURVEILLANCE TEAM

REF: (A) BONN 13986; (B) 13987 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS FROM TIME TO TIME ENCOUNTERED INSTANCES WHERE GDR MFA OR EMBASSIES HAVE PLACED VISAS READING "HAUPTSTADT DER DDR" OR SOME VARIATION OF THIS UNACCEPTABLE WORDING IN U.S. DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. IN THESE INSTANCES, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR CANCELLATION OF THE OBJECTIONABLE VISA AND ITS REPLACEMENT BY A PROPER VISA. IN NO INSTANCE HAS IT BEEN NECESSARY TO CANCEL U.S. DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY BONN'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE VISA IN THIS CASE WAS PROBABLY NOT INTENDED TO CREATE PROBLEMS OF A SECURITY NATURE. WE FURTHER ASSESS THAT THE GDR WAS NOT TRYING TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES OF A POLITICAL NATURE INVOLVING THE U.S. POSITION ON BERLIN.

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2. WE NOT THAT MESSRS. CRAMPSEY AND PELCYNSKI

PROPOSE TO OVERNIGHT IN WEST BERLIN AND TRAVEL THROUGH THE WALL FOR BUSINESS DURING THE DAY. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, OF COURSE, A GDR VISA IS NOT NECESSARY AS THEY CAN CROSS THROUGH THE WALL BY EITHER TRAVELLING ON A FORCES CARD (WHICH WE ASSUME COULD BE ISSUED TO THEM) OR THEY COULD USE THE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT DISPLAY PROCEDURE THAT MANY DAY VISITORS FROM WEST BERLIN EMPLOY TO COME TO EAST BERLIN.

3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE DEPARTMENT AND BONN MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER ASKING THE GDR PERMENENT REPRESENTATION TO CANCEL THE VISA AS UNACCEPTABLE FOR REASONS THAT ARE WELL KNOWN TO THEM, WITH PELCYNSKI THEN TRAVELLING BACK AND FORTH THROUGH THE WALL DURING HIS BERLIN VISIT USING EITHER OF THE TWO PROCEDURES DESCRIBED ABOVE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A DEMARCHE BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AS SUGGESTED BY BONN IS INDICATED IN THIS CASE.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO TRAVEL OF MESSRS. CRAMPSEY AND PELCYNSKI AS PROPOSED IN REF A.
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